

see p. 3017.14

Augustus D. Curtis, president and founder of the Curtis Lighting, Inc., of Chicago, Ill., who was educated in the Honesdale schools and born at Hawley, Pa., October 14, 1865, died suddenly April 29, at Beverly Hills, Cal. His death culminates a life of devoted to the art and science of illumination, his major contribution being the introduction of indirect lighting. He invented the X-ray reflector and his concern did a business of over \$2,000,000 annually.

Among his notable achievements, in addition to his being a successful electrical manufacturer, he rescued a man from the erupting volcano Kilauea in Hawaii, barely escaped death from trampling by an enraged elephant in Ceylon, captured a baby baboon in Algeria, and was severely injured by enraged members of the tribe, flew with Bleriot, first to fly across the English Channel, on an altitude flight, was instrumental in forming the present Chinese Republic, and lighted Michael Angelo's paintings on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican in Rome.

From EAG, 5/29/79; original returned 6/7/79